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#### Information on Coffee:

Coffee is a caffeinated beverage brewed from the beans of the coffee plant. It is the second most popular beverage consumed in America, with water being the first. Green Mountain Coffee Co, owned by Keurig Dr Pepper, is a leading brand in the single-use coffee systems made popular over the last decade.

Coffee trees take 3-4 years to produce fruits, and can be harvested 1-2 times per year

The crop must be picked by hand due to uneven terrain that machines cannot work on

Separating the fruits from the seeds requires sun drying, which is time intensive; or pulping, which is resource intensive and uses large amounts of precious water.



The fruits of the Coffee tree are called cherries

The Coffee Belt refers to the region around the equator that is suitable for coffee production. Outside of this region it is too cold to grow coffee trees.

Brazil is the largest producer of Coffee, the US is the largest consumer and gets most of its coffee from Colombia, Brazil, and Indonesia.

The Coffee industry is difficult to audit and there are many cases of underpaid workers being exploited. FairTrade and Slavery Free certifications have done little to curb this reality.

In recent years there has been a more sustained effort to removing slavery practices from the coffee trade, but progress is slow and there is a lack of funding.